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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, RPS/CI

SUBJECT: Chapter I on NIS 53 (Egypt)

1. As I mentioned to you by telephone, Lester said the other day that State wanted production of Section 53 continued rather than suspended. Eight Sections 53 were included in the FY64 schedule proposed by DIA. I told Lester the essential elements of Political Dynamics in most countries could be categorized in Section 15.

2. The Section 15 on Egypt currently in proof fails to support my argument. Subsection C. (page 37) provides a situation report on Nasser's attempts to create a popular national movement from 1953 to approximately now. It says his regime created the Liberalization Rally in 1953, the National Union in 1956, the National Congress of Popular Forces in 1962, and last of all, the Arab Socialist Union. All of these organizations failed, but the text does not explain why. It is a running account of Nasser's actions in Cairo. Although the electoral process is a major feature of Section 53, Egyptian elections are mentioned in two sentences: A. General on page 33, and the other on page 37. From hasty reading of the Section 15 I fail to find any account of how political leaders are chosen, or what traditional loyalties may be, although the subsection on Order and Safety in an excellent paragraph on page 42 characterizes popular attitudes on government. This paragraph probably should have been in the subsection on Political Dynamics. Following this paragraph is some further account of regional efforts to gain popular support but does not say, other than by propaganda, how this was done.

3. If the NIS is to provide background material for such problem estimative papers as INR's new Studies in Political Dynamics, Section 15 will require coverage in greater depth. This would mean readjustment of emphasis, rather than expansion in total bulk. In contrast to the two columns devoted to Political Dynamics in the subject Section 15, Subsection D. National Policies, rates about seven.

4. Probably nothing can be done about the current proof. The best we can do is write the next one in greater depth.

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